



Windsor Police Service

Directive

			Low Risk
Directive Name: Public Order Unit			Directive Number: 801-01
Responsible Manager: Inspector – Patrol Response		Review Schedule: Every 3 years	Effective Date: 2019-10-08
Standards/Legislation: Ontario Policing Standard PO-001 Police Services Act - O.Reg 3/99 s.19(1) Criminal Code of Canada s.67 Board Policy: AR-PO001 Related Directives: 862-03			
Repeals: Directive 801-01 (2018-02-09)		Date Last Reviewed: 2019-09-01	Next Review Date: February 2021

I. RATIONALE:

Police forces in Ontario are required to have the capability to deploy a Public Order Unit to for the maintenance of public order. The Windsor Police Service has entered into an agreement with the Ontario Provincial Police to provide this service.

The purpose of this Directive is to identify the circumstances in which a Public Order Unit may be deployed and the procedure to follow to obtain the service. In addition, the procedure for the reading of the Riot Proclamation is established.

II. POLICY STATEMENT:

A. Definitions:

1. **Extreme Event**- an event where there is the potential for mass casualties or where mass casualties or serious injuries are occurring in an unconventional violent event. Such events may also have a nexus to national security.
- B. This directive shall consider provisions of the Ontario Human Rights Code to prevent and address human rights issues, and shall follow the Human Rights Policy directive.
- C. The Service shall comply with Extreme Event Communication Protocol, which will provide a systematic and coordinated communications framework between WPS and the OPP to support situational awareness for the OPP during an extreme event in the province.

D. Public Order Unit Service:

1. The Service shall provide the services of a Public Order Unit through the provisions of an agreement with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).
2. The Public Order Unit may be deployed to general public disorder events that are believed to be beyond the resources of the Service to effectively police, including labour disputes, demonstrations, protests, and high profile events.
3. A request to the OPP for the provision of a Public Order Unit must be authorized by:
 - a) the Chief or a Deputy Chief of Police in the case of an on-going event;
 - b) the Chief of Police in the case of a future event.
4. Upon activation of the agreement, the Chief shall appoint a Senior Officer as the Liaison Officer to the OPP.
5. The Service shall retain overall incident command and control. The Public Order Unit will remain under the direct control of the OPP Public Order Unit Commander.

E. Riot Proclamation: Upon believing that the proclamation of a riot is necessary to restore public order, the Chief of Police shall immediately inform the Mayor of the City of Windsor.

F. Review: The **Inspector – Patrol Support** is responsible for ensuring that this Directive remains current and a submission of a review report sent to Quality Assurance and Audits prior to the Next Review Date.

III. PROCEDURES:

A. Future Events: Chief - contact the OPP Regional Commander.

B. On-Going Events: If there is no prior warning of the public disorder event:

1. Incident Commander:
 - a) Assess the threat.
 - b) Assess the need to implement Extreme Event Communication Protocol. When classified as an Extreme Event the Incident Commander shall:
 - i) Notify OPP and provide status updates via the Provincial Operations Center (POC) at **REDACTED** to ensure situational awareness and consistent messaging to government.
 - ii) Facilitate an information flow from incident commander/ critical incident commander to the OPP to establish adequate resource deployment with minimal operational disruption if assistance is required
 - c) Determine if the circumstances require the services of the Public Order Unit.

- d) If the circumstances exist, contact the Chief of Police, provide a complete briefing, and request the deployment of the Public Order Unit.
 - e) Upon approval and on the authority of the Chief or a Deputy Chief, contact the OPP Regional Assigning Officer through the London Duty Officer [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and request deployment of the Public Order Unit.
 - f) Consult with the OPP Public Order Unit Commander in order to ensure a smooth integration of the unit into the incident.
 - g) Retain overall command and control of the incident.
 - h) Ensure an Operational Plan is in place prior to the arrival of the Public Order Unit.
 - i) Ensure the incident is debriefed pursuant to Directive 862-03 - Debriefing.
2. Chief of Police or Deputy Chief of Police:
- a) Determine if the services of the Public Order Unit are required.
 - b) If the circumstances require the deployment of the Public Order Unit, instruct the Incident Commander to contact the OPP.
 - c) Appoint a Senior Officer other than the Incident Commander as the Liaison Officer.
3. Liaison Officer:
- a) Ensure the OPP Public Order Unit Commander is fully briefed.
 - b) Provide logistical and additional support as required.
 - c) Remain with the OPP Commander.
4. Media Relations Officer:
- a) Shall attend the scene when notified by Incident Commander and will be responsible for the establishment of a media information centre in a safe area outside the outer perimeter.
 - b) Direct all media to the media information centre.
 - c) If multiple agencies are involved, work in conjunction with the other agencies to coordinate the release of information to the public on the authorization of the Incident Commander
 - d) In the event of an Extreme Event, corporate communications will maintain dialogue with OPP to ensure consistent public messaging.

C. Riot Proclamation – Chief of Police:

1. Contact, brief and accompany the Mayor of the City of Windsor to as near the riot as safely possible for the reading of the Riot Proclamation. Ensure all assets are in place.
2. If the Mayor is satisfied that a riot is in progress, instruct the Mayor to command silence and proclaim the following as per Section 67 (Criminal Code of Canada):

“Her Majesty the Queen charges and commands all persons being assembled immediately to disperse and peaceably to depart to their habitations or to their lawful business on the pain of being guilty of an offence for which, on conviction, they may be imprisoned for life. “GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.”

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